

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel originally filed Claims 1-7 and substitute therefor the new claims presented below (i.e., Claims 8, 9 and 10). The text and status of all of the claims following entry of these amendments will be as follows:

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (new) A pharmaceutical composition suitable for topical administration to an eye, the composition comprising:

as active agent at least one oxazolidinone antibacterial drug in a concentration effective for treatment and/or prophylaxis of a gram-positive bacterial infection of at least one tissue of the eye, and

at least one ophthalmically acceptable excipient that reduces a rate of removal of the composition from the eye

Claim 9 (new) A composition according to Claim 8, wherein the excipient comprises a viscosity enhancing agent.

Claim 10 (new) A composition according to Claim 8, wherein said at least one oxazolidinone comprises linezolid.